

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- The Boy's and Girl's Club will be having their annual awards dinner on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30. I have been asked to invite the Council and one guest to the event. You need to contact my office ASAP to make reservations if you plan to attend.
- I contacted CSX and expressed my displeasure because they still have failed to install the grade crossings on Sexton and Arthur Streets at 4th Street. Representatives came to Rushville this past week. They have identified the problem areas, and are going to meet with their supervisor and intend to install the crossings this season. I am hoping to include the rail bed connections to our storm sewers in the scope of the project.
- After the last City Council meeting's discussion of the Redevelopment Commission, I have selected my appointments to the commission. I have selected Ashley Stiers, Cindy Humphrey, and Chris Fields to fill the vacant positions. I would ask Chris to set a meeting so that the members can be sworn in and then engage a financial consultant to review the TIF revenues.
- April 6th at 4:00 p.m. is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Rush County Fiber Board. It is in the boardroom at the Rush/Shelby Energy offices, 126 South Main Street. I will have additional information on this topic under new business this evening.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley asked permission to go ahead and put \$10,000.00 from the insurance line item into the FSA Account. Pavey made a motion to allow Copley to take the

money from the health insurance line item and put it in the FSA account. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley received a phone call from Rushville Manufacturing Mall with a request to send paper work on their tax abatement for approval, but that Mursener was in China and would not be able to attend the meeting. The Council agreed that if the paperwork was received before the meeting it would be acceptable if no one attended the meeting.

Copley also passed out an update on City investments.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey asked for patrol to be stepped up in the area of the new amphitheater since building supplies would be coming in this week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Reserve Officer Floyd Cameron received a plaque from the National Reserve Law Enforcement Officer Association in recognition of 36 years of service.

Fudge said he had received a phone call from Village Pantry commending the department on the way they handled the recent robbery and investigation.

Fudge presented truck-parking regulations to Council for review from the safety committee.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

CF1 Ronald L. Abrams and James D. Abrams – Jim Abrams was present to ask Council for approval of the CF1. Byrne made a motion to approve the CF1. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval to Advertise Lots for Sale in Wilson Estates – Fields moved to advertise all remaining lots in Wilson Estates for sale using the previous appraisal. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Apartment Trash Collection – Bennett said he had a meeting with representatives from Loma and Northgate Apartments on the 28th regarding the City discontinuing their trash collection. Bennett asked Council to hold off making a decision on the matter until the meeting on the 19th since representatives from both apartment complexes could not attend tonight's meeting. Fields made a motion to go ahead and discontinue the trash pick up effective June 1. Motion died for lack of second. Sheehan moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Fields opposing.

Curbside Trash Collection – Several comments have been received regarding the possibility of the curbside trash collection. Mayor Bridges suggested the possibility of appointing a code enforcement officer that would work directly under the Mayor. Bridges said his goal for the code enforcement officer was to be a "problem solver". Pavey questioned where the responsibilities of the code enforcement officer would begin and end. Bridges said he would provide a plan with the ability to fund. Fields said he thinks we need to think about adding a new position, since in today's paper the Chief of Police says that our streets are not safe. Sheehan made a motion to table for further study. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

M.D. Wessler Claim Annexation – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims from M.D. Wessler for the annexation. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan then asked to go back to the trash subject. He questioned why we were charging a fee to place dumpsters on the street. Bridges said it is something that has been in place for some time, but was not enforced. We are now enforcing it. Bridges said if Council does not wish to have the fee we could repeal it. Sheehan questioned if we might be paying for the trash in the long run especially with the heavy trash pick up. People may decide not to get a dumpster so they don't have to pay the fee and set their stuff out for heavy trash pickup instead.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Resolution 2005-4 – Byrne made a motion to pass Resolution 2005-4 adding monies back to appropriations. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gasoline Bids – 2 bids were received for gasoline. They were as follows:

- Gas America
87 octane = $1.7330 + .05 = 1.7830$
89 octane = $1.7706 + .05 = 1.8206$
92 octane = $1.8256 + .05 = 1.8756$
diesel = $1.7095 + 6\% \text{ margin} = 1.7695$
- Ag One
87 octane = 1.759
89 octane = 1.809
92 octane = 1.909
diesel = 1.759

Ag One prices are a fixed price. Sheehan said with the way gas prices are going he would recommend to go with the fixed price. Fields made a motion to accept the bid of Ag One. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IDACS Interlocal Agreement – Pavey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fiber Optics – Bridges said Cinergy wants to lay a 128-fiber line from Shelbyville to Connersville to Muncie. With 12 pair going to Rush Shelby Energy. Bridges asked Council with the money the City has allocated for fiber do we wish to continue with Rush Shelby Energy or would it be better to spend the money developing infrastructure. Byrne said he thought the decision was a “no brainer”. If we go with developing the infrastructure we can pretty much do what we want. Bridges said in his opinion our money would be better spent on infrastructure than stringing fiber North of Rushville. Sheehan said he would like to move for the City to respectfully move to the side and let Cinergy and Rush Shelby Energy purchase the fibers and the City move forward and do our own thing as far as the infrastructure goes. He also stated he thought we should keep in contact with the County as to what we plan to do. Motion died for lack of second.

Byrne moved to table. Pavey seconded the motion. Sheehan voted nay. Motion carried.

Claims – Sheehan moved to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John McCane announced that proceeds from the Saint Patrick's fund raiser is still coming in, but it looks as though there will be \$10,000.00 for the amphitheater. Sheehan commended McCane for his hard work. He said McCane was probably responsible for 95% of the work this year.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER